

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 and 31-37 presented herein have been initially rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, in view of Claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,926,403. Applicant has herein filed (see Appendix) a Terminal Disclaimer, together with the appropriate fee, in order to obviate this rejection. Applicant notes that the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer is not to be regarded as an acquiescence in the Examiner's position.

As this is the only outstanding objection or rejection, the case should now be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, and passage of the application to issue at an early date, are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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